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Kenſington, July 16.

HIS Majeſty was pleaſed this day to declare in Council, That intending to go over to *Holland* for a ſhort time, He has appointed *Thomas* Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterbury*; *John* Lord *Somers* Baron of *Eveſham*, Lord Chancellor of *England*; *Thomas* Earl of *Pembroke* and *Montgomery*, Lord Privy Seal; *William* Duke of *Devonſhire*, Lord Steward of His Majeſty's Houſhold; *Charles* Earl of *Dorſet* and *Middleſex*; *John* Earl of *Marlborough*, Governor to his Highneſs the Duke of *Gloceſter*; *Henry* Earl of *Romney*, Lord Warden of the Cinque-Ports; *Edward* Earl of *Orford*, Firſt Commiſſioner of the Admiralty; and *Charles Mountague* Eſq; Firſt Commiſſioner of the Treaſury, to be Lords Juſtices of *England* for the Adminiſtration of the Government during His Majeſty's Abſence.

At the Court at *Kenſington, July* 16. 1698.

PRESENT

The King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHereas Information has been this day given to the Board, that notwithſtanding His Majeſties Order in Council of the 13th Inſtant, the Miſchievous Practice of Robbing the Mails is ſtill continued, and that the Poſt with the Northern Mail, containing all the Letters from the North, was ſet upon near Wades-mill, *two miles beyond* Ware, *about Four of the Clock in the morning, on the 15th day of this month, by Two Robbers or Highwaymen, who opened all the Bags, and broke open the Letters and Packets, and carried away what they thought fit of them. And whereas by ſuch Evil Practices the General Correſpondency by the Poſt may be much Diſcouraged, and the Trade of the Kingdom very much prejudiced thereby. His Majeſty in conſideration thereof, by and with the Advice of His Privy Council, hath thought fit ſtrictly to Charge and Require all His Loving Subjects to Diſcover, by all the Ways and Means that may be, and upon ſuch Diſcovery to Take and Apprehend the Perſons concerned in the ſaid Robbery, or any of them, whereſoever they may be found, and to carry them before the next Juſtice of the Peace or Chief Magiſtrate, who are hereby Commanded and Required to Committ them to the next Gaol, there to remain until they ſhall be thence delivered by due Courſe of Law, and thereof to give notice to the Privy Council, or to One of His Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State. And His Majeſty is hereby pleaſed to Publiſh and Declare, that whoſoever ſhall be found to Conceal any of the ſaid Perſons ſhall be proceeded againſt, for ſuch their Offence, with the utmoſt Severity according to Law; And that whoever ſhall Diſcover and Apprehend the Perſons ſo concerned in the ſaid Robbery, or any of them, and bring them before any of His Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, or other Chief Magiſtrate as aforeſaid, ſhall receive as a Reward the Sum of Two hundred Pounds, which ſaid Sum of Two hundred Pounds His Majeſty is pleaſed to Order to be paid to them accordingly by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury. And His Majeſty is further pleaſed to Declare, That if any Perſon concerned in the ſaid Robbery ſhall Diſcover and Apprehend any the Perſons concerned therein, and Carry them before ſuch Juſtice of the Peace or other Chief Magiſtrate as aforeſaid, ſuch Perſon ſhall not only Have and Receive the ſaid Reward of Two hundred Pounds, but ſhall have His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Pardon for his ſaid Offence.*

JOHN POVEY.

Genoua, June 29. N. S. The Duke of *Savoy* having been to viſit the City of *Nice*, and given Directions for adding ſome new Works to the Fortifications of that place, returned the laſt week to *Piedmont*, taking his way through ſome of the Towns belonging to this Republick, where he was received with all Honour and Reſpect, and arrived laſt Thurſday at *Turin*.

Leghorne, June 30. The *Ruth* and *John* Merchant Ships bound to *England*, are lately failed from this Port; as are likewiſe the *Lambert*, Capt. *Louth* Commander, for *Venice*; the *Holder*, Capt. *Snape*, for *Meſſina*; and the *Samuel*, Capt. *Hart*, for *Naples*. This week came in here the *Smyrna-Merchant*, Capt. *Jackſon* Commander, laden with Lead and Bale Goods from *London*.

Venice, July 5. The Sieur *Gedoſisky*, Envoy from *Poland*, who lately arrived here to Notifie to this Republick the King his Maſter's Acceſſion to the Crown, having performed this Commiſſion took Leave of the Senate laſt Saturday, and is gone for *Mantua* to give the like Notification to that Duke. And the Republick have reſolved to ſend an Ambaſſador Extraordinary to *Warſaw* to Congratulate that Prince on this Occaſion, and have made choice of Signior *Giuſtiniani*, who accordingly is preparing for his Journey thither. General *Richards* went hence laſt week for *Otranto* to Embark there for the *Morea*. A great Convoy with Soldiers and Proviſions ſailed hence ſome days ago for the *Levant*, under the Command of Signior *Moro*, who is appointed Governor of *Napoli di Malvaſia*; and another Convoy is preparing, which will follow in a ſhort time, with a further Supply of Men and Proviſions. Our Letters from *Turkey* give an account, that the Engliſh and Dutch Ambaſſadors will go with the Grand Signior to *Hungary*, in order to aſſiſt at the Treaty of Peace, which it's believed will be ſet on foot this Summer between the Emperor and his Allies, and the Ottoman Port. Our laſt Advices from *Rome* ſay, the Ceremony of paying Homage to the Pope for the Kingdom of *Naples*, was performed on the 28th Inſtant by the Conſtable of *Colonna*, the Spaniſh Ambaſſador being indiſpoſed; and that Cardinal *Altieri* died the laſt week, by whoſe Death ſeveral conſiderable Benefices are become vacant. Theſe Letters add, that the Popes Galleys are ſailed from *Civita-Vecchia*, and 5 Galleys from *Malta*, to join the Venetian Fleet; and two other of the Malteſe Galleys are gone to Cruiſe on the Coaſt of *Barbary*.

Warſaw, July 7. Preparations are made on the Frontiers of this Kingdom for opening the Campagne; The neceſſary Magazines are provided; and the King of *Poland* intends in few days to go to the Army. The Crown Marſhal *Lubomirsky* has lent the King 100000 Dollars, towards the Charges of the War, and it's ſaid divers others will follow his Example.

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